Telecast of 'Akbar the Great' Serial

3816. SHRI K. R. MALKANI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tele serial 'Akbar the Great' now being telecast, depicts the hero Rana Pratap in an un-historical and unfavourable light, as reported in the Pioneer March 19, 1994; and

(b) whether Government propose to take all steps neccssary to prevent any hurt to national feelings by such unfair depiction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government will take all necessary steps should the question ever arise.

अखबारी कागज संबंधी आयात नीति

3817. श्री वीरेन जे० शाह :
प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार से अखबारी कागज की खरीद के मामले में छोटे और मझौले समाचार पत्रों पर लगाये गये सभी प्रतिबंधों को हटाने का अनुरोध किया गया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार द्वारा गठित अखबारी कागज सलाहकार समिति की 8 जनवरी, 1994 को हुई बैठक में उक्त मांग को प्रभावी रूप से दोहराया गया था,

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि वर्तमान अखबारी कागज संबंधी नीति के अंतर्गत उपभोक्ताओं को आयातित अखबारी कागज के साथ-साथ स्वदेश निर्मित अखबारी कागज खरीदना अनिवार्य है जो कि महंगा और घटिया किस्म का है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उपभोक्ताओं को बाध्य करने की बजाय स्वदेशी उद्योग को और अधिक कार्यक्षम बनाने हेतु वर्तमान नीति में परिवर्तन न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ङ) क्या सरकार आम उपभोक्ताओं के हितों को ध्यान में रखते हुए वर्तमान अखबारी कागज नीति में परिवर्तन करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क) और (ख) 8-1-94 को हुई अखबारी कागज सलाहकार समिति की बैठक में कुछ सदस्यों द्वारा छोटे तथा मझौले समाचारपत्रों को सहायता उपलब्ध करवाने के लिए कुछ सुझाव दिए गए थे ।

(ग) अखबारी कागज आयात नीति के अनुसार 200 मीट्रिक टन से अधिक मानक अखबारी कागज की वार्षिक हकदारी रखने वाले समाचारपत्रों को ही अनुसूचित देशी अखबारी कागज मिलों से 2 टन की खरीद पर 1 टन अखबारी कागज आयात करने की अनुमति दी जाती है । 200 मीट्रीक टन तक की वार्षिक हकदारी रखने वाले समाचारपत्रों को उनकी संपूर्ण आवश्यकता के अनुसार आयात की अनुमति दी जाती है ।

(घ) से (च) मामला विचाराधीन है ।

Staff Strength in Media Department of DAVP

3818. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what was the strength of staff as well as officers in the Media Department of DAVP as on 31st March, 1993; and

(b) what was the working strength of staff in the above offices, as on 31st March, 1980, 31st March, 1985 and 31st March, 1990 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The information is given below:

No. of Officers	No. of Staff	Total
181	757	938

(b) The information is given beow:

Date	Working strength of staff		
	No. of officers	No. of staff	Total
31-3-80 .	139	518	657
31-3-85 .	166	665	831
31-3-90 .	138	690	828

Advertisements in Newspapers/Magazines

3819. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total space of advertisements given to various newspapers/magazines in terms of centimeters by DAVP during the period 1993-94; and

(b) what are the details of advertisements given in each language during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) A total of 95,68,601 col. cms. of space was released by Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity to various newspapers/magazines during 1993-94 (upto February, 1994).

(b) Details of advertisements given in each language during 1993-94 (upto February, 1994) are given in the Annexed Statement.

STATEMENT

Languagewise Statement of Space Committed during 1993-94 (1-4-93 to 28-2-94)

Sl. No.	Language	Space committed (in col. cms)
1.	English	2528313
2.	Hindi	3936873
3.	Urdu	754908
4.	Punjabi	308465
5.	Marathi	318099
6.	Gujarati	278555
7.	Sindhi	44172
8.	Assamee	88373
9.	Bengali	285650
10.	Oriya	152916
11.	Tamil	306951
12.	Telugu	194444
13.	Malayalam	209529
14.	Kannada	138657
15.	Sanskrit	2100
16.	Nepali	7562
17.	Mizo	8824
18.	Khasi	1800
19.	Konkani	1396
20.	Manipuri	1014
	TOTAL	9568601

Telecast of Proceedings of Legislative Assemblies of States

3820. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have any proposal for live or recorded telecast of the proceedings of Legislative Assemblies of States; and

(b) whether there is any demand for such telecast from any of the States; if so, the names of those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Demands for telecast of proceedings of the State Assemblies have been received from Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Manipur, Maharashtra, Bihar, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Punjab, Orissa, National Capital of Territory of Delhi and Union Territory of Pondicherry. Due to constaints or telecast time, resources and manpower, it has not been found possible to accept the demands.

Time allotted for "Krishi Darshan" on Doordarshan

3821. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) What is the time allotted for the programme "Krishi Darshan" on Doordarshan ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the time for this programme due to the importance of the subject and the need to educate the farmers ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the resasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) All major Doordarshan Kendras have increased frequency of programmes from 3/4 days a week to 5 days a week w.e.f. 15-4-94. Meanwhile 5 smaller kendras (Gorakhpur, Patna, Ranchi, Rajkot and Panaji) have also started to telecast Krishi Doordarshan 5 days a week w.e.f. 15-4-94.